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and follow written policies and procedures reasonably designed to resolve any discrepancy in a valuation identified as part of a portfolio reconciliation or otherwise as soon as possible, but in any event within five business days, provided that the swap dealer and major swap participant establishes, maintains, and follows written policies and procedures reasonably designed to identify how the swap dealer or major swap participant will comply with any variation margin requirements under section 4s(e) of the Act and regulations under this part pending resolution of the discrepancy in valuation. A difference between the lower valuation and the higher valuation of less than 10 percent of the higher valuation need not be deemed a discrepancy.

- (b) Swaps with entities other than swap dealers or major swap participants. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that it engages in portfolio reconciliation as follows for all swaps in which its counterparty is neither a swap dealer nor a major swap participant.
- (1) Each swap dealer or major swap participant shall agree in writing with each of its counterparties on the terms of the portfolio reconciliation, including agreement on the selection of any third-party service provider.
- (2) The portfolio reconciliation may be performed on a bilateral basis by the counterparties or by one or more third parties selected by the counterparties in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section.
- (3) The required policies and procedures shall provide that portfolio reconciliation will be performed no less frequently than:
- (i) Once each calendar quarter for each swap portfolio that includes more than 100 swaps at any time during the calendar quarter; and
- (ii) Once annually for each swap portfolio that includes no more than 100 swaps at any time during the calendar year.
- (4) Each swap dealer or major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written procedures reasonably designed to resolve any discrepancies in the material terms or valu-

ation of each swap identified as part of a portfolio reconciliation or otherwise with a counterparty that is neither a swap dealer nor major swap participant in a timely fashion. A difference between the lower valuation and the higher valuation of less than 10 percent of the higher valuation need not be deemed a discrepancy.

- (c) Reporting. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall promptly notify the Commission and any applicable prudential regulator, or with regard to swaps defined in section 1a(47)(A)(v) of the Act, the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any applicable prudential regulator, of any swap valuation dispute in excess of \$20,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) if not resolved within:
- (1) Three (3) business days, if the dispute is with a counterparty that is a swap dealer or major swap participant; or
- (2) Five (5) business days, if the dispute is with a counterparty that is not a swap dealer or major swap participant.
- (d) Reconciliation of cleared swaps. Nothing in this section shall apply to a swap that is cleared by a derivatives clearing organization.
- (e) Recordkeeping. A record of each swap portfolio reconciliation consistent with §23.202(a)(3)(iii) shall be maintained in accordance with §23.203.

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§23.503 Portfolio compression.

- (a) Portfolio compression with swap dealers and major swap participants—(1) Bilateral offset. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written policies and procedures for terminating each fully offsetting swap between a swap dealer or major swap participant and another swap dealer or major swap participant in a timely fashion, when appropriate.
- (2) Bilateral compression. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written policies and procedures for periodically engaging in bilateral portfolio compression exercises, when appropriate, with each counterparty that

is also a swap dealer or major swap participant.

- (3) Multilateral compression. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written policies and procedures for periodically engaging in multilateral portfolio compression exercises, when appropriate, with each counterparty that is also a swap dealer or major swap participant. Such policies and procedures shall include:
- (i) Policies and procedures for participation in all multilateral portfolio compression exercises required by Commission regulation or order; and
- (ii) Evaluation of multilateral portfolio compression exercises that are initiated, offered, or sponsored by any third party.
- (b) Portfolio compression with counterparties other than swap dealers and major swap participants. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written policies and procedures for periodically terminating fully offsetting swaps and for engaging in portfolio compression exercises with respect to swaps in which its counterparty is an entity other than a swap dealer or major swap participant, to the extent requested by any such counterparty.
- (c) Portfolio compression of cleared swaps. Nothing in this section shall apply to a swap that is cleared by a derivatives clearing organization.
- (d) Recordkeeping. (1) Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall make and maintain a complete and accurate record of each bilateral offset and each bilateral or multilateral portfolio compression exercise in which it participates.
- (2) All records required to be maintained pursuant to this section shall be maintained in accordance with §23.203 and shall be made available promptly upon request to any representative of the Commission or any applicable prudential regulator, or with regard to swaps defined in section 1a(47)(A)(v) of the Act, to any representative of the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any applicable prudential regulator.

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- (a) (1) *Applicability*. The requirements of this section shall not apply to:
- (i) Swaps executed prior to the date on which a swap dealer or major swap participant is required to be in compliance with this section;
- (ii) Swaps executed on a board of trade designated as a contract market under section 5 of the Act or to swaps executed anonymously on a swap execution facility under section 5h of the Act, provided that such swaps are cleared by a derivatives clearing organization and all terms of the swaps conform to the rules of the derivatives clearing organization and §39.12(b)(6) of this chapter; and
- (iii) Swaps cleared by a derivatives clearing organization.
- (2) Policies and procedures. Each swap dealer and major swap participant shall establish, maintain, and follow written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the swap dealer or major swap participant executes written swap trading relationship documentation with its counterparty that complies with the requirements of this section. The policies and procedures shall be approved in writing by senior management of the swap dealer and major swap participant, and a record of the approval shall be retained. Other than confirmations of swap transactions under §23.501, the swap trading relationship documentation shall be executed prior to or contemporaneously with entering into a transactionswap with counterparty.
- (b) Swap trading relationship documentation. (1) The swap trading relationship documentation shall be in writing and shall include all terms governing the trading relationship between the swap dealer or major swap participant and its counterparty, including, without limitation, terms addressing payment obligations, netting of payments, events of default or other termination events, calculation and netting of obligations upon termination, transfer of rights and obligations, governing law, valuation, and dispute resolution.